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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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1. ON REFLECTION, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR PARA 5 OF REFTL, MAKING THE POINT ON YOUR INITIATIVE:
 2. PRESIDENT ASAD MUST HAVE NOTICED THAT IN URGING RESTRAINT WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY INTERVENTION BY PARTIES IN THE REGION, WE HAVE HELPED FORESTALL THE CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD LEAD TO BROADER CONFLICT. WE ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DANGERS OF ESCALATION ARE STILL GREAT UNDER CONDITIONS OF MOVEMENT SOUTH OF THE DAMASCUS-BEIRUT AXIS. THE RISKS INHERENT IN INTERVENTION WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED IN OUR VIEW, WHERE FORCES OF THE RADICAL ARAB STATES WERE INCLUDED IN ANY NUMBERS.
- KISSINGER

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